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(SBU) On December 15, the Ambassador delivered reftel points to Vice Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh, urging Vietnam to support a new UNSCR on Somali piracy at the UNSC Ministerial December 16. VFM Minh acknowledged that robust action was necessary to combat piracy, but said that Vietnam's UN Mission had reservations about operative paragraph four, which it would relate directly in discussions in New York. Before Vietnam comes to a position on the proposed new resolution, it would weigh heavily the briefing from Somalia's Foreign Minister on December 16.  
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